

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 12 (canceled).

1 13. (new) A fuse holder, into which a blade type fuse, having  
2 a body and blade terminals protruding from the body, is  
3 fittable, said fuse holder comprising:

4 a holder housing having wide front and rear walls at  
5 the front and the rear and narrow right and left walls on  
6 the right and the left, wherein inner wall surfaces of  
7 these walls bound a chamber, which will hold the blade  
8 terminals and at least a part of the body of the blade type  
9 fuse inserted from a top side of the fuse holder,

10 first and second coupling parts that are provided on  
11 the holder housing and that are adapted to disconnectably  
12 fit the holder housing onto two other holder housings of  
13 two other adjacent fuse holders, wherein the first coupling  
14 part comprises two plates, which are provided on a first  
15 one of the walls and have free protruding ends opposed to  
16 each other, and in a plan view, one of the plates has an  
17 inverted L shape, and the other one of the plates has an  
18 inverted reversed L shape, and the second coupling part  
19 comprises ribs, which are provided on second and third ones  
20 of the walls, extend in a height direction, and are  
21 configured, located and adapted to be held between free  
22 protruding ends of an adjacent first coupling part and an  
23 adjacent first wall, on which the adjacent first coupling

24 part is provided, of one of the other adjacent fuse  
25 holders, and

26 two contacts, each of which has an intermediate part  
27 fixed to the holder housing, a connecting part, at one end  
28 of the contact, extending into the chamber to fit with one  
29 of the blade terminals, and a leg, at another end of the  
30 contact, extending out of the holder housing and adapted to  
31 be soldered or press-fitted onto a printed circuit board.

1 14. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 13, wherein the  
2 first one of the walls on which the two plates of the first  
3 coupling part are provided is the front wall, and the  
4 second and third ones of the walls on which the ribs of the  
5 second coupling part are provided are the right and left  
6 walls.

1 15. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 13, wherein the  
2 connecting part of at least one of the contacts is formed  
3 into a fork shape, which can be flexibly expanded toward  
4 the front wall and the rear wall of the holder housing, and  
5 clearances are set between the connecting part and the  
6 front wall and the rear wall so as to allow limited  
7 deformation while limiting excessive deformation of the  
8 connecting part.

1 16. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 13, wherein the  
2 intermediate parts of the contacts are press-fitted into a  
3 space among the walls of the holder housing.

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1 17. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 13, wherein the  
2 intermediate parts of the contacts are enveloped-cast in  
3 the holder housing.

1 18. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 13, wherein the  
2 intermediate part of at least one of the contacts is  
3 enveloped-cast in an insert and this insert is fitted into  
4 a space among the walls of the holder housing.

1 19. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 18, wherein the  
2 insert is formed of a material having a heat resistance  
3 superior to that of the holder housing.

1 20. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 13, wherein the  
2 leg of at least one of the contacts is forked into two  
3 branches.

1 21. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 13, wherein a  
2 protrusion is formed in the leg of at least one of the  
3 contacts.

1 22. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 13, wherein the  
2 holder housing has the same color as that of the body of  
3 the fuse.

1 23. (new) A fuse holder, into which a blade type fuse, having  
2 a body and blade terminals protruding from the body, is  
3 fittable, said fuse holder comprising:

4 a holder housing having wide front and rear walls at  
5 the front and the rear and narrow right and left walls on  
6 the right and the left, wherein inner wall surfaces of  
7 these walls bound a chamber, which will hold the blade  
8 terminals and at least a part of the body of the blade type  
9 fuse inserted from a top side of the fuse holder,

10 first and second coupling parts that are provided on  
11 the holder housing and that are adapted to disconnectably  
12 fit the holder housing onto two other holder housings of  
13 two other adjacent fuse holders, and

14 two contacts, each of which has an intermediate part  
15 fixed to the holder housing, a connecting part, at one end  
16 of the contact, extending into the chamber to fit with one  
17 of the blade terminals, and a leg, at another end of the  
18 contact, extending out of the holder housing and adapted to  
19 be soldered or press-fitted onto a printed circuit board,

20 wherein the intermediate parts of the two contacts are  
21 respectively enveloped-cast in respective inserts, which  
22 are coupled to each other, and which are respectively  
23 fitted into spaces among the walls of the holder housing.

1 24. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 23, wherein the  
2 inserts are formed of a material having a heat resistance  
3 superior to that of the holder housing.

1     **25.** (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 23, wherein the  
2         connecting part of at least one of the contacts is formed  
3         into a fork shape, which can be flexibly expanded toward  
4         the front wall and the rear wall of the holder housing, and  
5         clearances are set between the connecting part and the  
6         front wall and the rear wall so as to allow limited  
7         deformation while limiting excessive deformation of the  
8         connecting part.

1     **26.** (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 23, wherein the  
2         leg of at least one of the contacts is forked into two  
3         branches.

1     **27.** (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 23, wherein a  
2         protrusion is formed in the leg of at least one of the  
3         contacts.

1     **28.** (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 23, wherein the  
2         holder housing has the same color as that of the body of  
3         the fuse.

1     **29.** (new) A fuse holder, into which a blade type fuse, having  
2         a body and blade terminals protruding from the body, is  
3         fittable, said fuse holder comprising:

4             a holder housing having wide front and rear walls at  
5             the front and the rear and narrow right and left walls on  
6             the right and the left, wherein inner wall surfaces of  
7             these walls bound a chamber, which will hold the blade

8 terminals and at least a part of the body of the blade type  
9 fuse inserted from a top side of the fuse holder,

10 first and second coupling parts that are provided on  
11 the holder housing and that are adapted to disconnectably  
12 fit the holder housing onto two other holder housings of  
13 two other adjacent fuse holders, and

14 two contacts, each of which has an intermediate part  
15 fixed to the holder housing, a connecting part, at one end  
16 of the contact, extending into the chamber to fit with one  
17 of the blade terminals, and a leg, at another end of the  
18 contact, extending out of the holder housing and adapted to  
19 be soldered or press-fitted onto a printed circuit board,

20 wherein the holder housing further has a bottom  
21 opposite the top side, and the bottom is provided with two  
22 bosses protruding at positions that are asymmetric relative  
23 to each other with respect to a line that runs, when seen  
24 from the bottom, between the front and rear walls  
25 approximately in parallel with the front and rear walls.

1 30. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 29, wherein the  
2 connecting part of at least one of the contacts is formed  
3 into a fork shape, which can be flexibly expanded toward  
4 the front wall and the rear wall of the holder housing, and  
5 clearances are set between the connecting part and the  
6 front wall and the rear wall so as to allow limited  
7 deformation while limiting excessive deformation of the  
8 connecting part.

1 31. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 29, wherein the  
2 intermediate part of at least one of the contacts is  
3 enveloped-cast in an insert and this insert is fitted into  
4 a space among the walls of the holder housing.

1 32. (new) The fuse holder as recited in claim 29, wherein the  
2 insert is formed of a material having a heat resistance  
3 superior to that of the holder housing.

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